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Viewing cable 08CANBERRA1292, AUSTRALIA AWAITING SOFA DEVELOPMENTS

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Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

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Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#08CANBERRA1292**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
08CANBERRA1292	2008-12-18 06:28	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Canberra

Appears in these articles:

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 001292

DEPARTMENT FOR EUR/RPM AND NEA/I

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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA AWAITING SOFA DEVELOPMENTS

REF: STATE 132140

Classified By: Acting Political Counselor W. Davies Sohier for reasons
1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) Poloff delivered information from reftel to the

director of the Iraq section at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Lloyd Broderick, on December 18. Broderick said Australia is awaiting developments. One issue that is repeatedly raised by the Australian negotiating team in Baghdad is the need for a definitive letter of invitation from the GOI. Australia has only a preliminary letter dated November 13, 2008. According to Broderick, the negotiating team has asked Dr. Fadel, an adviser to PM Maliki, for a formal letter.

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